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SAN BERNARDINO SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Wanted

On P.C. 451 – Arson & P.C. 189 – Felony Murder

Suspect description:
Name: unknown
Race: white, male
Age: early to mid 20's
Vehicle description:
2000 – 2001 Chevrolet or Dodge van, light gray with a full window at rear.
Synopsis: investigators are currently attempting to locate the above suspect with respect to the
Old Fire occurring in San Bernardino on October 25, 2003. A person similar in
description to the above subject was seen driving a
light gray van away from the origin of the fire on Old Waterman Canyon Road.

Information on suspects, contact the San Bernardino Sheriff's
Department-Homicide detail, attn: Sgt Bobby Dean,
(866) 346-7632 - or- (909) 387-3589

RIVERSIDE ARTS COUNCIL ANNOUNCES
2003-2004 GRANT RECIPIENTS

Grants Funded Through City of Riverside
and 25th Mayors Ball for the Arts

RIVERSIDE, CA – The Riverside
Arts Council announced the
recipients of the 2003-2004 City
Arts and Community Arts Part­
nership (CAP) Grants. The Arts
Council’s Board of Directors
recently approved the allocation of the
grants following the recommenda­
tions of community panels that
reviewed the City Arts and CAP
Grant Applications.

Since 1977, the City of Riverside
has provided annual funding to the
Art Council for re-granting in
support of arts organizations within
the community. This year, the Arts
Council awarded a total of
$140,000 in general operating
support to ten City Arts Grants
recipients. These organizations are:

- California Riverside Ballet
- Ballet Folklorico de Riverside
- Inland Cities “Harmony Express”
- Riverside Community Arts Association
- Riverside Community Players
- Riverside Concert Band
- Riverside Dickens Festival
- Inland Empire/Riverside County Philharmonic

NEW UC TOLL-FREE NUMBER AIDS SPANISH SPEAKING FIRESTORM VICTIMS

RIVERSIDE – UC – Asistencia a la UC, the new phone-based
information service recently launched by the University of California
Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, now includes 29 concise
messages about dealing with the aftermath of wildfires for people who
are looking for information in Spanish. The messages are accessible via
(800) 514-4494, a toll-free number. They deal with a wide range of
topics, from important phone numbers, completing the insurance claim,
to the health and emotional well-being of adults and children.

Inland Empire Hispanic News presents the following article in
recognition of individuals serving in the Armed Forces.

LT. GENERAL RICARDO S. SANCHEZ
Commanding General-V Corps
United States Armed Forces in Iraq

that time, he has served in various
Army assignments, distinguishing
himself in each position and progres­
sively being promoted to higher ranks.
Sanchez has served in numerous
military venues in the United States,
including Fort Knox, Fort Benning,
U.S. Army Inspector General Agency,
Washington, D.C., Fort Riley, U.S.
Southern Command, Florida, among
others.

His overseas assignments has in­
cluding the Eighth Army in Korea,
various high ranking positions in Ger­
many and currently commanding offi­
cer of the Armed Forces in Iraq.

His professional education in­
cludes the Armor Officer Basic and
Advanced Courses; Command and
General Staff College, U.S. Army War
College, B.A. Degree in Mathemat­
ics and History, Texas A&I Univer­
sity, and an M.A. in Operations Re­
search and Systems Analysis Engi­
eering, Naval Postgraduate School.
Sanchez has been awarded the De­
fense Superior Service Medal, Legion
of Merit; Bronze Star Medal with “V”
device and oak leaf cluster, Meritori­
ous Service Medal with four oak leaf
clusters, Joint Service Commendation
Medal, Army Commendation Medal;
Army Achievement Medal with oak
leaf cluster, Southwest Asia Cam­
paign Medal; Liberation of Kuwait
Medals (Kuwait and Saudi Arabia);
and the Master Parachutist Badge.

The State of California Insurance
Commissioner has established an
information line for the
public to use for questions
on insurance-related
matters. The toll-free
number is
1-800-927-HELP
WASHINGTON, DC - The Education Trust released today a new report documenting large funding gaps between high- and low-poverty, and minority districts in many states. The study reveals that, in most states, school districts that educate the greatest number of low-income and minority students receive substantially less state and local money per student than districts with the fewest low-income and minority students (publisher’s emphasis-in bold).

"In too many states, we see yet again that the very students who need the most, get the least," said Kevin Carey, Senior Policy Analyst and author of the report, upon releasing the study Monday. "At a time when schools, districts and states are rightly focusing on closing the achievement gap separating low-income and minority students from other students, states can and must do more to close these funding gaps."

According to Carey, a school funding expert, "The good news is that when looking at funding gaps over time, most states - 34 of 49 - have made some progress in closing these gaps. It’s true that this progress came during a high water mark for state budgets, while the current state budget situation is more challenging. Even so, there is much that states can and must do right now to close these gaps."

"Let’s be clear," said Kati Haycock, Director of The Education Trust. "Congress and the President need to do their part by fully funding No Child Left Behind (publisher’s emphasis-in bold). But states are primarily responsible for education funding, and they have to do their part, too. In an era of high standards for all students, not just some, directing fewer state and local dollars to districts with greatest need is simply unconscionable."

"Without even taking into account the additional costs of educating low-income and minority students, far too many states are shortchanging their neediest districts."

Almost all school funding analyses account for the additional costs of educating students living in poverty. But even before making any such adjustments, the report finds that many states actually provide fewer state and local dollars to school districts with the highest poverty rates compared to the districts with lowest poverty rates. Even more states shortchange their highest minority districts.

In 22 of 49 states studied, the quarter of districts educating the greatest number of poor students receive less state and local money per student than the quarter of districts educating the fewest poor students.

In 28 of 48 states studied, districts enrolling the highest proportions of minority students receive fewer state and local education dollars per student than districts enrolling the lowest percentages of minority students.

"When making the most modest of adjustments for the cost of educating low-income students, it gets worse."

Most analyses of education funding, including reports by the GAO and NCES, attempt to account for extra costs of educating students living in poverty. The most conservative and widely used adjustment for the additional costs of educating low-income students is 20%. In doing such an analysis, the report finds that the picture for districts serving low-income and minority students gets even worse.

In 30 of 49 states studied, the quarter of districts educating the greatest number of poor students receive less in cost adjusted state and local money per student than the quarter of districts educating the fewest poor students.

Of those 30 states, 7 have per student funding gaps of over $1,000. OVERTIME, THE FUNDING GAP HAS BEEN SHRINKING NATIONALLY AND IN MANY STATES, BUT HAS ACTUALLY GROWN IN OTHERS. Using the same 20% cost adjustment described above, the report finds that: Nationally, the per student funding gap between the quarter of districts educating the greatest number of poor students and the quarter of districts educating the fewest poor students narrowed slightly from 1997 to 2001, from $1,139 to $1,020 - a narrowing of $119.

• 34 of 47 states following the national trend and REDUCED their funding gaps between 1997 and 2001.

Notably, 12 of those states decreased per student funding gaps by $500 or more. Disturbingly, funding gaps actually GREW in 13 of 47 states during that same period.

• 7 of those states increased their cost-adjusted per student funding gaps by $200 or more.

A HANDFUL OF STATES ARE AT THE "FRONTIER" WHEN IT COMES TO STRIVING FOR MORE EQUITABLE FUNDING POLICIES, BUT MOST OTHERS STILL LAG BEHIND.

Federal law, practice in the field, and academic research have begun to agree that a 20% adjustment is inadequate to offer equal educational opportunities to low-income youngsters. In fact, a 40% adjustment is quickly replacing the 20% adjustment as the industry standard.

By applying a 40% adjustment for the cost of educating low income students, the report finds that a handful of states appear to be working toward more equitable funding policies, but most others still lag far behind.

The good news is, 10 of 49 states have no gap at all - that is, they provide more resources to higher poverty districts. The bad news is, in 39 of 49 states studied, the opposite is true. In these states, the quarter of districts educating the greatest number of poor students receive fewer state and local dollars per student than the quarter of districts educating the fewest poor students.

Disturbingly, 10 of those 39 states have funding gaps of more than $1,000 per student. The picture is just as bleak for districts serving the most minority students.

In 37 of 48 states studied, districts enrolling the highest proportions of minority students receive fewer state and local education dollars per student that districts enrolling the lowest percentage of minority students. In 12 of those states have funding gaps of more that $1,000 per student.

"Sadly, no matter how you look at the numbers, low-income and minority students continue to get less than their fair share of funding," said Haycock.

"The good news is, since 1997, the gap between high- and low-poverty districts lessened in many states. But overall, these data indicates clearly that we must urge states to do more to close their funding gaps, if we are truly interested in helping high-poverty and high-minority schools help their students," Haycock continued.

Haycock also cautioned, "That said, most of these state funding gaps to excuse the indefensible achievements gaps in public education is just as misguided as the critics who claim that money doesn’t matter. Money matters a lot. But there are many non-monetary ways we shortchange poor and minority students, including assigning them to less rigorous courses and holding them to lower standards. We need to work on all fronts to ensure poor and minority students get the education they deserve," (publisher’s emphasis in bold).

WHAT STATES CAN DO

States establish the systems that fund public schools, and thus it is states that must act to close these gaps. The most common approaches are for states to reduce reliance on local property taxes by assuming a greater share of overall school funding and providing additional targeted funding for high-poverty districts.

"Every state provides some state resources to K-12 education, and most states provide some additional funding to high-poverty districts," noted Carey. "The problem is that many don’t do enough to make up for what can often be huge resource differences between poor and wealthy communities."

"Yes these are difficult state budget times," Carey concluded. "But there are things states can do now to take steps to remedy these tremendous inequities by targeting state resources to high-need districts and schools."
Cal-State, San Bernardino was the setting for a dual celebration of the community-based Sinfonia Mexicana Group—the installation of officers and its 18th anniversary of producing cultural and symphonic concerts in the Inland Empire.

Cal-State, San Bernardino President Dr. Albert Karnig welcomed Sinfonia Mexicana members and their guests and praised the organization for promoting community artistic events.

Keynote speaker Dr. Ernest Garcia spoke on the history of the Sinfonia Mexicana and its mission to bring Mexican symphonic music to the residents of the area. "We have struggled these many years to bring the very best of Mexican music for the enjoyment of all of us in the Inland Empire," he said. Master of ceremonies Latty Sharp, president of Arrowhead Credit Union, introduced Mexican Consul Carlos Giralt Cabrales and praised the organization for producing symphonic concerts of Mexican composers to the Inland Empire. Since that time, according to Tony Bocanegra, executive director, the Sinfonia Mexicana Group was organized in 1985 by then-Mexican Consul Emerenciano Rodriguez and Mexican-American residents for the purpose of producing symphonic concerts of Mexican composers to the Inland Empire. Since that time, according to Tony Bocanegra, executive director, the Sinfonia Mexicana Group has produced outstanding music programs annually.

The Orquesta Sinfónica Nacional de Mexico, has performed twice at the California Theater. One of the performances was under the direction of conductor Enrique Diemecke, the outstanding conductor in Mexico and currently artistic director and conductor of the Long Beach Symphony Orchestra.

Other productions are the mariachi concerts with outstanding performers from California, including female groups and the opera production of "Esperanza." A recent concert in September, 2003, was an opera/mariachi concert, with conductor Jeff Nevin and including soprano Florencia Tinoco Barone.

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CONGRESSMAN JOE BACA 2003 COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARDS DINNER
Congressman Joe Baca selects outstanding community leaders to receive the community awards at the Annual Leadership Awards Dinner. The following are this year’s recipients. Photos by IEHN

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Congressman Joe Baca speaks at the Annual Leadership Awards Dinner. Congressman Baca arrived from Washington to speak at annual function.

Jerry Almendarez appointed principal at Colton High School in 2001

Pastor Joshua Beckley, Senior Pastor, Ecclesia Christian Fellowship. Pastor Beckley was unable to attend, accepting the award is Pastor Turner.

Don Singer

Richard “Dickie” Sierra, Secretary Treasurer, Laborers and Hod Carriers Union

Tony Bocanegra, executive director of the Sinfonia Mexicana Group.

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Public Information Meeting
about the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program

All meetings will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Nov. 4: Yuma, Yuma Crossing State Historic Pk, 201 N. 4th Ave
Nov. 5: Blythe, City Council Chambers, 235 N. Broadway
Nov. 6: Laughlin, Regional Government Center, 101 Civic Way

A partnership of federal, state, tribal, and other public and private stakeholders is developing a multi-species conservation program to balance the interests of current and future water diversions and power production, and provide for the conservation of 28 species, including 6 that are threatened and endangered.

You are invited to attend the meeting and provide comments.
TIPS TO HELP YOUR CHILD BECOME A STRONG READER

To help you start a new chapter in helping your child read better, the Partnership for Reading offers these tips:

- Talk to your children and encourage them to talk. Include vocabulary lessons in everyday activities, explaining to your children what things are called and having them tell you what things are and what words mean.
- With younger children (birth to pre-K), talk and sing. Recite nursery rhymes and other verses with repeated sounds. Practice the alphabet. Use simple words and simple sentences so they can understand and show enthusiasm.
- With older children (kindergarten and older), ask questions and answer questions. Engage in conversation about their day. Show interest in what they have to say.
- Understand the processes of reading. Know the areas in which your children need help. If they have difficulty sounding out words, focus on phonics skills by playing rhyming games and putting sounds together. If they struggle in reading a paragraph or page, work on fluency skills by rereading familiar paragraphs or books. Children often enjoy reading to you a book you may have read to them several times.
- Point out printed words to your children at home, at the grocery store, driving down the street. Make it a game.
- As your children are reading, watch or listen for passages where they may struggle or have problems. Have them reread that section until they are comfortable with it. Doing so will build their fluency skills, or their ability to read text accurately and quickly.
- Ask your children questions about what they have read and help them think about it. Have them retell the story. Talk with your children about the sequence of events in the story and about the characters. Doing this will build comprehension skills.
- Create a quiet special place in your home for your children to read, write, and draw. Have your children use that reading space every day. Keep reading materials in places where your children will see them and can access them.
- For more information, visit the Partnership for Reading's Web site at www.nifl.gov/partnershipforreading.

The Partnership for Reading is a collaborative effort of the National Institute for Literacy, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Department of Education.

NATION'S LARGEST HISPANIC ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCES 'STRONG' OPPOSITION TO CUTS FOR CANCER TREATMENTS IN MEDICARE

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), representing more than 40 million Hispanics in the United States and Puerto Rico, today announced its "strong opposition" to cuts in cancer treatments.

"LULAC is strongly opposed to provisions of the Medicare bill that would cut up to $16 billion from community-based cancer treatments," said LULAC National President Hector Flores.

"As the largest and oldest Hispanic organization in America, we call on Congress to oppose unprecedented cuts in Medicare funding for community-based cancer treatments," Flores said in a letter to Congress and President Bush.

Flores noted that of this "unprecedented cut" in cancer care survives in the Medicare Conference Committee mark-up now underway, "Congress will turn back the clock on how cancer care is delivered in this country—placing patient access, treatment outcomes, and clinical research in grave jeopardy."

Flores pointed out in his letter that every year, in America, 1,300,000 more people get cancer, and 60% of these people are covered by Medicare.

The league of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) is the oldest and largest Latino civil rights organization in the United States. LULAC advances the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, health and civil rights of Hispanic Americans through community-based programs operating at more than 700 LULAC councils nationwide.

ANHEUSER-BUSCH DONATES CANNED WATER TO AID RELIEF WORKERS AND RESIDENTS DISPLACED BY WILDFIRES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

RIVERSIDE, CA — Anheuser-Busch Cos. announced the donation of 2,000 cases of canned drinking water to support the American Red Cross wildfire relief efforts in Southern California.

Anheuser-Busch Sales Co. of Riverside, the local Anheuser-Busch wholesaler, received the water donation and coordinated the delivery to the American Red Cross, in addition to monetary support.

"It's crucial that the Red Cross responds to these emergencies with safe shelter, hot meals, and emotional support," said Yvette Ramos, director of development at the American Red Cross Inland Empire Chapter. "Donations from Anheuser-Busch, and other civic-minded companies and corporations, provide vital support to our relief efforts when disasters like this occur."

"It's important for communities to pull together and lend a helping hand in times of need," said Mike Harding, vice president of operations for Anheuser-Busch. "Anheuser-Busch is proud to provide fresh water and other support resources to the people in California who have been affected by the wildfires."

The American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund provides for the immediate needs of those affected by disasters through financial donations from the public and corporations like Anheuser-Busch.

The public can help the victims of the California wildfires by making a financial gift to the local American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, P.O. Box 183, San Bernardino, 92408, and seek information by calling 1-800-HELP NOW or 1-800-257-7575 (Spanish), for other local agencies providing aid to fire victims.

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The Medal of Honor is awarded only for the most uncommon acts of extraordinary valor. Of the 35,000,000 Americans who served in World I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam, only 925 servicemen received the Medal of Honor; 526 posthumously.

"A nation reveals itself not only by the men it produces, but also by the men it honors. The men it remembers..."

John F. Kennedy
HINTS FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND EMPLOYERS OF RETURNING SOLDIERS

By Chaplain (MAJ) J. Kelly Barnett, D.Min., LMFT

Recent U. S. military actions in Afganistan and Iraq mean that large numbers of military personnel will be returning home after extended separations from their families. Friends and regular jobs. The military has long recognized that those returning from deployments can face a variety of problems and provides special briefings to minimize such issues.

However, all too often families, friends and employers of those returning from an extended period of active duty are unaware of how difficult that return can sometimes be, or of what they can do to make it easier. The following hints can help:

Recognize that the reunion is a process, not just an event. Both the returning soldier and family and friends may have unrealistic homecoming expectations. While the first few days may be filled with joy, parties and praise, all the change to frustration, anger and conflict when things turn out to be less than expected. It takes time to adjust to the reality of being home again, both for the returning soldier and his or her family and friends. One way to help make it smoother is for all those involved to clearly communicate their expectations and dreams with one another, early in the reunion process.

Don't pretend that nothing has changed. Most families and work places made significant adjustments during the soldier's absence. Similar adjustments will be necessary for the soldier's return. For example, spouses at home may have learned to become more independent and to manage well without the soldier. Take time to discuss and adjust to these changes. Also be careful with information you have waited to tell the soldier. Avoid dropping bombs on one another. They can be hurtful and create conflict.

Make room for unexpected feelings. Spouses may feel a sense of resentment toward the soldier for "abandoning" them. Spouses may also feel as much a hero as the soldier for keeping the home fires burning in the soldier's absence. Express appreciation for one another for the sacrifices both have made.

Take time to modify unhealthy military habits. Living with several soldiers in a tent for several months is indeed a life-changing experience. It can take time to return to acceptable language and manners. Without family support, the soldier may spend months caring for him or herself and may seem a bit self-centered. Soldiers returning from a combat environment may experience mood swings, going from the thrill of telling a story to moments of fear and quiet reflection.

Sleep habits may be affected. Give the soldier time to readjust to being home with family and friends again. Seek counseling if needed.

Give children extra time. Children may seem a bit self-centered; Soldiers may be worried about returning to work. Employers and co-workers may see a doctor, it makes me sick to think that convicted criminals get better access to health care than some veterans. All veterans must be entitled to a full continuum of health care benefits to include long-term care and a prescription drug benefit that is better than Medicare.

That is why it is critically important for us to care for the soldier in our fight to secure full funding for the VA Health Care system through mandatory funding or some other guaranteed funding mechanism. It is also important for us to ensure that VA works to reduce the veterans benefits claims backlog that they do not sacrifice quality for quantity.

Sadly, many of our WWII and Korean veterans are passing away before they ever receive their entitlements. They did not serve their country for profit. They fought for an ideal—the enduring ideal of freedom that has been the force behind all of America's excursions. Freedom that is the cause for which each and every one of them stood for in harm's way to defend.

Those heroes put their lives between America and war machines in their fight to destroy freedom. Unfortunately, WWII and Korean veterans are passing away at a rate of 1,800 a day. The National Cemetery system must accommodate these departed heroes in the dignified manner to which they are entitled.

To the members of our Armed Forces I say we love you, we support you, we are proud of you and while you are serving us we are serving you.

We have and always will fight for an improved quality of life for you and your families because we were once in your shoes and we understand the sacrifices you make to serve us. You deserve better pay, housing, healthcare and education for you and your dependents.

When members of America's Armed Forces return home from overseas we want them as members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. It is a changing world out there and as the world changes we must be willing to change with it. If we are not to shoulder the burden of leadership in the veterans and military community then who will? The alternatives are neither pleasant nor acceptable.

Great organizations which fail to meet their responsibilities are consigned to the dust bins of history. Only with a new generation of veterans and their infusion of camaraderie and ideas can we hope to provide positive and innovative solutions to our future challenges. The VFW will continue it's struggle as long as there is an America.
RIVERSIDE ARTS COUNCIL ANNOUNCES 2003-2004 GRANT RECIPIENTS
Grants Funded Through City of Riverside and 25th Mayors Ball for the Arts

Twenty non-profit organizations have been selected as recipients for the 2003-04 CAP Grants. These grants are funded entirely through proceeds from the Arts Council's annual Mayors' Ball for the Arts. The goal of the CAP Grant program is to encourage artists and non-profit organizations to develop innovative visual and performing arts projects for a broad spectrum of ages, abilities, special needs and other constituencies throughout Greater Riverside.

Recipients of the Riverside Arts Council’s 2003-04 Community Arts Partnership Grants are:

- Ballet Folklorico de Riverside
- California Citrus State Historic Park
- California Riverside Ballet
- Care Connexxus
- Christian Arts and Theatre
- Corona Heritage Park and Museum
- Family Service Association of Western Riverside County
- Inland Empire/Riverside County Philharmonic
- The Mission Inn Foundation
- Operation SafeHouse, Inc.
- Raincross Chorale
- Riverside Art Museum
- Riverside Community Arts Association
- Riverside Community Players
- Riverside Dickens Festival
- Riverside Little Opera
- Riverside Museum Associates
- UCR California Museum of Photography
- UCR Creative Writing Department
- "We the People" Cultural Dance Troupe

The mission of the Riverside Arts Council is to promote, develop and sustain the arts. Since 1977, the Arts Council has provided visual and performing arts programs, services, education and outreach to citizens of all ages in communities throughout the City and the County of Riverside. For more information about the Riverside Arts Council, call (909) 680-1345 or visit www.riversideartscouncil.org.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Let us all help support each other by bringing our families together for a POTLUCK to aid those who lost homes in the fire disaster, on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8th, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
2501 MARSHALL BLVE., HIGHLAND

Join city officials, clergy, firefighters & police officers in paying tribute and support to those that lost their homes. Bring your favorite dish, serving utensil & cash contribution. (no contribution is too large or too small)

For more information on how you can help, call: (909) 425-2219 or tparra@uia.net Teresa Parra
Belvedere Neighborhood Cluster - 501-3C 33-070047

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER ADVISES ON WILDFIRE SMOKE

San Bernardino County Public Health Officer Dr. Thomas J. Prendergast is advising County residents to take precautions to protect themselves from wildfire smoke:

- Eliminate prolonged, vigorous outdoor work or labor.
- Discontinue all vigorous outdoor activities regardless of duration.
- Have susceptible persons, such as those with heart or lung disease, avoid outdoor activity entirely.
- Those who are bothered by the smoke should leave areas where smoke is present.
- Those who are bothered by the smoke who cannot leave the area should remain indoors.
- Indoors, air conditioning should be used to recirculate air, not to bring outside air indoors.
- Particle masks or a damp cloth placed over the nose and mouth can reduce the effects of wildfire smoke.

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SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER ADVISES ON WILDFIRE SMOKE

San Bernardino County Public Health Officer Dr. Thomas J. Prendergast is advising County residents to take precautions to protect themselves from wildfire smoke:

- Eliminate prolonged, vigorous outdoor work or labor.
- Discontinue all vigorous outdoor activities regardless of duration.
- Have susceptible persons, such as those with heart or lung disease, avoid outdoor activity entirely.
- Those who are bothered by the smoke should leave areas where smoke is present.
- Those who are bothered by the smoke who cannot leave the area should remain indoors.
- Indoors, air conditioning should be used to recirculate air, not to bring outside air indoors.
- Particle masks or a damp cloth placed over the nose and mouth can reduce the effects of wildfire smoke.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO MAKE A CHILD’S WISH COME TRUE

You could be the “Star” that makes a child’s wish come true. Children’s Fund is looking for volunteers for the 15th Annual Celebration of Giving, which is held in conjunction with the U.S. Marine Corp Reserves Toys for Tots program. Children’s Fund is committed to helping children in San Bernardino County who are at-risk due to poverty, abuse, neglect, or circumstance. This constitutes one quarter of the children in the county. Last season we were able to give gifts to over 27,000 children with the help of volunteers. This year it is our goal to give a gift to every at-risk child in the county so they know that they are special and cared for.

We are looking for volunteers to help in our “Santa’s Workshop” getting the gifts ready for distribution. Volunteers are also needed to help with telephones and mailings at the Children’s Fund Main Office. We know that people are always busy this time of year but maybe, it we are lucky, your company would “loan” you as an elf to help for a day or two.

Volunteers are needed from December 2-19, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 - 3:00. An orientation will be held, so no training or experience is needed. Please contact Leslie Cole at Children’s Fund (909) 387-4949 or e-mail for more information. Join us this holiday season and make a child’s wish come true.

SALUTE TO THE ROUTE HOST

Salute to the Route will host the 4th Annual Veterans Day Event. The event is sponsored by Los Angeles County, San Bernardino Valley College, American Legion Post 6476, and Bob McBay. The program will continue with the advancing of the flag by the Army Valley High School Color Guard under the direction of 1st Sergeant Aloe, ROTC trainer. Pledge of allegiance by Specialist, San Bernardino County Sheriff. National anthem by Dr. Frank Peterson of San Bernardino Valley College and American Legion Post 421, Highland. The event is sponsored by Los Padrones, Arrowhead Credit Union, Mitha’s Café, Leno’s Rico Tacos, Joe Rodriguez and Bob McBay. For information contact Dan Flores, founder of Salute to the Route, at (909) 887-2745.

ARTIST RUDY RAMIREZ EXHIBITS ART WORK

In an interview with IEHN, Ramirez, a Colton resident, stated that artistic talent runs in the family, with family members using those inherited genes in their professional work. “My granddaughter is also developing her talent as an artist, and this is great,” he said.


He received an AA in Commercial Art from San Bernardino Valley College in 1973 and a BA in Art from Cal-State, San Bernardino in 1977.

Since the early 70’s, Ramirez has painted numerous works. “I just start painting and whatever is in my mind is reflected on the canvas,” he said.

He has exhibited his art work throughout the Inland Empire, including Riverside Art Center, Cal-State, San Bernardino, La Verne University, National Orange Show, San Diego Latino Art exhibit, Latino Family and Book Festival in Ontario and many other venues.

He has received numerous awards for his professional artistic performance from the Air Force, including nine Sustained Superior Performances since 1985, Certificate of Commendation in 1985 and Norton Civilian of the Year in 1992.

He is chairperson of the Inland Empire Latino Art Association. For information on the ELAA, call at (909) 824-7303.

SALE REPS WANTED

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RECOVERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Volunteer Center of the Inland Empire is working with San Bernardino City and San Bernardino County EOC (Emergency Operations Center) mobilizing recovery volunteer efforts. Once the fire danger has passed massive clean up efforts will begin and volunteers will be needed to assist in the recovery process. A variety of people will be needed. People interested in joining this effort are encouraged to contact the Volunteer Center and complete an Emergency Relief Volunteer Registration form.

Your help is needed.

Contact Lrinette Lee, Phone # (909) 884-2556.
HISPANIC LIFESTYLE MAGAZINE PRESENTS 8TH ANNUAL BUSINESS FAIR

The Hispanic Lifestyle Magazine is sponsoring the 8th Annual Business and Expo Conference and Career Fair to be held at the Ontario Airport Hilton, 700 North Haven Avenue, Ontario, on November 14, 2004.

This year’s conference will feature workshops in international trade opportunities, marketing strategies, business financing and job opportunities,” stated Richard Sandoval, HLM publisher.

The annual conference is the only event that allows Hispanic businesses, workshops, business networking and business associations to meet and discuss experiences and opportunities in the economic sector.

The Hispanic consumer market nationwide is estimated to be over $590 billion and expanding rapidly as Hispanics enjoy a high level of employment in the service fields, and at the professional and corporate levels.

The Inland Empire, with over half million Hispanic population, is reaching the $1 billion purchasing power.

For information on exhibitor space, promotional packages and table sponsors call at (909) 789-7336. Luncheon cost: $40 per person.

IRS GRANTS TAX RELIEF FOR VICTIMS OF CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

WASHINGTON – The Internal Revenue Service today announced special tax relief for Southern California residents in the Presidential Disaster Area that was struck by wildfires beginning Oct. 21, 2003.

The disaster area counties are: Los Angeles, San Bernardino, San Diego and Ventura.

- The Disaster Designation for this area is “CA Wildfires” – taxpayers mark certain relief-related forms with this designation.

Affected Taxpayers

For the purposes of this tax relief, affected taxpayers include individuals and businesses located in the disaster area, those whose tax records are located in the disaster area, and relief workers. The same relief will also apply to any places added to the disaster area.

A 10-MINUTE TEST COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE, IT CERTAINLY SAVED MINE”

By Rudolph W. Giuliani - Former City of New York Mayor

"Why is it that men will make up any excuse to avoid getting tested for prostate cancer? What are they thinking? That what they don't know can't hurt them?" asks Rudolph W. Giuliani, former mayor of New York City and prostate cancer survivor. "The truth is, what they don't know can hurt them. It can even be fatal."

According to a recent U.S. News and World Report interview, Giuliani learned he had prostate cancer on April 26, 2001. "The doctor came into my office at Gracie Mansion and began giving a description of the biopsy findings, did a drawing of the prostate and showed me exactly where the cancer had been found. My head was swimming. Shortly thereafter, I found myself making a speech and posing for a hundred photos with diplomats just outside the room in which I had learned that a deadly cancer, the same disease that had killed my father at age 73, had been found in me."

Recently, Giuliani became the honorary chairman of the National Prostate Cancer Coalition (NPCC) to assist their efforts to raise awareness and promote annual doctor visits for prostate screenings. Each year in America, about 190,000 men are diagnosed with prostate cancer. That alarming figure equals enough men to fill Yankee Stadium three and one-half times.

About 29,000 of those men die from the disease each year.

According to the NPCC, men have a one in six chances of getting prostate cancer—one in three if their father or brother had it. In fact, some experts say that if men lived long enough, all would eventually experience prostate problems. African-American men have the highest risk and are twice as likely to die from prostate cancer as other men.

Giuliani, described as “America’s Mayor” and named Time magazine’s “Person of the Year” in 2001 for strengthening the American people’s hopes during the worst disaster on U.S. soil, emphasizes to this day that his most life-altering experience was being diagnosed with prostate cancer.

"If you’re over 40 or in a high-risk group, talk to your doctor and get tested. Don’t put it off with dumb excuses. You see, with prostate cancer, catching it early is everything. Catch it early and your chances of survival may be 90 percent or better. But you have to get tested,” says Giuliani. "It takes 10 minutes. And it could save your life.”

For more information about prostate health or to learn more about National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, log onto www.pcacoalition.org.

Casualty Losses

Affected taxpayers in a Presidential Disaster Area have the option of claiming disaster-related casualty losses on their federal income tax return for either this year or last year. Claiming the loss on an original or amended return for last year will get the taxpayer an earlier refund, but waiting to claim the loss on this year’s return could result in a greater tax saving, depending on other income factors.

Other Relief

The IRS will waive the usual fees and expedite requests for copies of previously filed tax returns for affected taxpayers who need them to apply for benefits or to file amended returns claiming casualty losses. Such taxpayers should put the assigned Disaster Designation in red ink at the top of Form 4506, “Request for Copy or Transcript of Tax Form,” and submit it to the IRS.
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